



Pinchot Partners

FOREST COLLABORATIVE

Annual Meeting Notes
Tuesday, March 17, 2026
 Packwood Community Center

In attendance:

PP Staff: Janene Ritchie ; *PP Board:* John O'Brien, Fred Norman, Anjolene Ngari, Ashley Short, Amy Boyd, Bob Guenther, John Squires; *US Forest Service:* Quentin Hall, Josh Chapman, JD Jones, Joey Anderson, John Jakubowski, Jody Nickerson-Powell, Nick Granum, Kacy Smith, Theresa Tanner; *Cowlitz Indian Tribe:* Dalton Fry; *Washington DNR:* Kevin Carlson, Myles Sailer, Justin Tamez, Ben Hagedorn; *Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife:* Deirdre Hayward, *Cascade Forest Conservancy:* Molly Whitney; *Packwood Trails Project:* Michael Young; *Community Members:* Shandra Pilon, Sheryl Hall

2025 Annual Overview and Program of Work

Theresa Tanner, CVRD District Ranger - [slidedeck](#)

Timber Sales Overview

Fiscal Year	Sale Name	Volume (mbf)	Acres
2026	Kidd TS	10,400	379
2026	Layser TS	5,259	309
2027	Beam	6,600	480
2027	Langille GNA	1,566	181
2027	Shark	8,000	Not specified
2027	North Pack Fuels	Not specified	Not specified
2028	S-J Plantation Thin sale group #1	Not specified	Not specified

Good Neighbor Authority Update

Kevin Carlsen, Justin Tamez, Ben Hagedorn, Myles Sailer, Washington DNR - [slidedeck](#)

Active Commercial Projects

Sale Name	Est. Volume (mbf)	Acres	Contract Expiration	% Complete	Phase
Ferrous Iron Creek	4,666	371	2026	85%	Logging
Grey Towers Yellowjacket	2,442	255	2029	40%	Logging
Galena Yellowjacket	1,350	149	2028	20%	Logging
Langille Yellowjacket	1,566	181	2030	100%	Contract Written

Sale Name	Est. Volume (mbf)	Acres	Contract Expiration	% Complete	Phase
Lodestar Forest Wide Plantation Thin	5,000	550	2030	5%	Pre-sales Field Work

- **Total Estimated Volume:** 32,071 mbf
- **Total Acres:** 2,984

Infrastructure and Restoration Highlights

- FS 28 MSE Retaining Wall project is identified as a significant infrastructure repair.
- Major road restoration projects include:
 - Langille Road Restoration (4 miles)
 - FS 63 Road Restoration (17 miles)
 - Silverstar FS 4109 Restoration (7.3 miles)
- Other significant public works repairs:
 - FS 25 Deep Patch Repair (0.25 miles)
 - FS 28 Retaining Wall (400 feet)
 - FS 33 AOP 1 & 2 (2 AOPs)
 - FS 47 Repair (500 feet)

2025 – 2027 Deliverables Summary

- 10.5 million board feet (mmbf) timber volume target
- 4.5 miles of decommissioned roads
- 1,050 commercial acres managed
- 400 non-commercial acres managed
- 25 miles of maintained roads

The SW Federal Lands unit is actively managing multiple commercial timber sales with volumes totaling over 32,000 mbf and nearly 3,000 acres currently in various phases of completion. Restoration and maintenance efforts include significant investments in road and infrastructure repairs with a total expenditure exceeding \$1.7 million on active non-commercial projects.

Small Group Exercise

Quentin Hall – NEPA & CEs, [slidedeck](#)

Question 1 – Concerns around changes to NEPA and public involvement process

- Lack of comment period and uncertainty
- Concerns over uncertainty in a dynamic and changing environment – will there be lots of starts and stops, delays.
- Expanded use of CEs and how that applies to cumulative effects, overall impacts. Multiple project oversight, lack of scoping. Change in leadership turnover.
- Perception vs. reality is sometimes misaligned in terms what degree of change has actually be enacting.

Question 1 – Parts of NEPA process that have been helpful

- Field trips are really helpful, between scoping and EA, site specific conversations. Multiple opportunities to engage.

- Finding and ID areas of agreement and disagreement, learning and understanding different positions. Building relationships.
- Collab has been helpful from start to finish. Get environmental impacts right and understanding the right formula for that process. Collab has opened door for new people to come in and go out, many different experience and ideas through different lenses.
- Refining Proposed actions though scoping and comment periods.

Question 3 – Roles the FS and collaborative partners can play

- Scope anyway! Continue to have regular engagement with the collaborative. Zones of agreement – very important for forest service to hear take comments and directly put into project design.
- Starting convos and being transparent early, Fostering understanding of opposing positions and the expectations pressures and resource limitations that drive those positions. Being creative!
- Working and being transparent within the community as much as possible. Chalelges and also opportunities to connect with collaboration. Ongoing journey – constantly evolving, Getting input and recognizing ideas. Forest Service is working in real time and its challenging to keep up with all the pieces.
- Continue transparent and education and staying consistent

USFS Specialist Roundup:

JD Jones, Aquatics, GPNF – [slidedeck](#)

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Kacy Smith, Recreation Staff Officer, CVRD - [slidedeck](#)

Trails and Volunteer Engagement

Volunteer involvement plays a crucial role in maintaining the district's trails. The Bluff Lake Trail #65 is specifically mentioned with Tom Faubion and others contributing to its upkeep. Additional trails and volunteer efforts are referenced but details are *not specified*.

FY 26 Plan Overview

The plan for FY 26 involves several initiatives focusing on staffing, fee site implementation, infrastructure replacement, and campground management.

Staffing

- Continued emphasis on adequate recreation staff deployment (*specific changes or numbers not provided*).

Fee Site Implementation

- Several campgrounds and group sites will introduce or update fee structures effective August 1, 2026, to support site management and services.

Infrastructure and Campground Projects

- High Bridge Trail #293: Scheduled bridge replacement to maintain trail access and safety.
- Iron Creek Campground: Planned improvements and fee implementation as part of FY 26 enhancements.

Key Insights

- Fee Implementation: The introduction of new or expanded fees at multiple campgrounds and group sites marks a significant step toward sustainable site management.
- Volunteer Contributions: Volunteers are critical in trail maintenance, exemplified by the Bluff Lake Trail #65 work.
- Infrastructure Investment: Replacement of the High Bridge on Trail #293 demonstrates commitment to maintaining trail infrastructure.
- Recreation Management Focus: Staffing and resource allocation remain central to effectively managing developed and dispersed recreation areas.

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2025 Road Projects

- Skate Creek, Elk Pass washout, Huffaker Bridge, Crystal Creek Bridge, Cowlitz Complex Suppression Repair

Skate Creek Road Reconstruction:

- Carryover project: 13 culverts replaced, 3 deep patch repairs, 1.5 miles of asphalt placed 2 MSE walls

2026 Projects

- Yellowjacket Creek AOP, Bough Sale Road Maintenance, 2110 Realignment, 52 overlay 48 and 1260 culvert replacements

Timber Sale Road Reconstruction:

- Layser Thin TS: roadway reconditioning, clearing, and grubbing, fill repair, and culvert replacements.
- Kidd Thin TS: culvert replacement and clearing.

DNR Road Reconstruction:

- Road 2500: Asphalt repair
- Road 2800: Slide repair
- Road 2810: Culvert replacements
- Road 4700: Culvert replacement

December 2025 ERFO Event:

- 21.68 inches of rain, 19 sites affected

Interagency Consultation

John Jakubowski, Wildlife, CVRD

[StoryMap](#), *Conserving Species At Risk*

- Concerns and questions on procedural differences between expedited and emergency consultation. Will revisit and clarify at April meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4pm. Minutes prepared by Janene Ritchie